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Dear Friend:

I dont think you are but so surprised to get this letter from me. The baseball season is drawing near, and I am looking for help. I should have written you some time ago, but things have been so uncertain. I really did not know what to plan. As things stand now, both leagues are going ahead with plans for 1943. We do not know at this time whether or not we will be able to use our buses, but we are hoping. We should know in a few days now. In the meantime, the league is planning to operate if they have to use trains to travel. That is a big order, but if the rest want to try it The Eagles will have to go along.

I am writing you mainly to ask if you can give me any help on the manpower situation. Do you happen to have any promising ballplayers down that way whom Uncle Sam dont want. That is of course one of our biggest problems, if not our biggest. Every time you get a report, another good man is gone. If the army doesnt take them Mexico does. Dandridge and Wells have goneto Mexico, but I am hoping they will have to come back. The fact that we always went for young ballplayrers makes it that much harder for us. The young men happen to be what the army wants too.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. It will be nice to hear yes or no, so I will know where I stand, and what plans I can make. I hope you have had a good season, and are enjoying good health. I will be looking to hear from you soon.

Very Truly Yours